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November 2, 2007

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**RE: Determination of Nonsignificance (DNS)/Northwest Cascade - Department of Ecology
General Permit for Biosolids Management**

Dear Mr. Inman:

Pierce County issued a Determination of Nonsignificance (DNS) for the proposed Biosolids Management Project on October 4, 2007. The 15-day comment period expired October 19, 2007. The 14-day appeal period expires November 2, 2007. We received many comment letters during that time frame expressing a variety of concerns related to the potential adverse environmental impacts from this proposal. We have reviewed these comments and concerns and determined that we need more information in the following areas:

Potential contamination of the Town of Carbonado's water supply;
Potential degradation of surface and groundwater quality, including potable water from wells;
Odors; and
Adverse impacts to wildlife species and habitat, including elk.

Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 197-11-340(3)(a)(ii) requires that a DNS be withdrawn if:
"There is significant new information indicating, or on, a proposal's probable significant adverse environmental impacts."

We are considering withdrawing the DNS based on the comments and information received, but before we make a decision we will allow you to address the concerns identified above. Specifically, we will need:

1. Additional information regarding potential impacts to the water supply of the town of Carbonado;
2. Additional information concerning proposed setbacks from all water bodies, including wetlands and streams;
3. Additional information concerning proposed setbacks from wells;
4. Information addressing potential impacts from odor to humans adjacent to the project, including users of the rails-to-trails facility and Sunset Lake Camp; and
5. Information addressing potential impacts to wildlife species and/or wildlife habitat, including elk.



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We also ask that you clarify the project boundaries of the proposal, including parcel numbers (I believe that two parcels- 0618271002 and 0618262001 are not part of the current proposal) and total project area size (as opposed to total parcel size), as well as the project limits and project ID (name or unit #).

We ask that you submit this information by December 1, 2007. We will reevaluate our DNS at that time and determine whether the DNS should be withdrawn, based on the information in the record.

You may reach me by phone at (253) 798-7165 or by e-mail at ACLARK@co.pierce.wa.us with any questions you might have concerning this matter.

Sincerely,



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